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SUBJECT: PROGRESS OF ME PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

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1. HEADLINE STORY IN ALL LOCAL DAILIES JUNE 25 REPORTS PRESIDENT SADAT'S JUNE 24 MEETING WITH TOP ADVISORS (VP MUBARAK, PM SALIM, DEP PM/FONMIN FAHMY AND DEP PM MIN WAR GAMASY). STORIES NOTE THAT TWO AND HALF HOUR MEETING TOOK PLACE TO DISCUSS THE REPORT SUBMITTED JUNE 23 TO PRESIDENT SADAT BY AMBASSADOR EILTS. THIS REPORT, ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPERS, "INCLUDED THE ISRAELI PLAN WHICH RABIN PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER DURING THEIR TALKS IN WASHINGTON...EGYPT IS NOW DRAFTING AN ANSWER TO THE ISRAELI PLAN."

2. EDITORIAL COMMENT JUNE 25 LIMITED TO AHAM PIECE WARNING ISRAEL THAT SHE FACES EXPULSION FROM THE UN IF SHE CONTINUES TO PROCRASTINATE, TO REFUSE TO WITHDRAW FROM OCCUPIED
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TERRITORIES AND TO OBJECT TO EVERY SETTLEMENT. "POSITIVE

STEPS" ESSENTIAL TO AVOID DETERIORATION OF SITUATION ONCE AGAIN. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. COMMENT: PRESS, PROBABLY WITH GOE GUIDANCE, EMPHASIZES THAT PLAN SUBMITTED TO PRESIDENT SADAT BY AMBASSADOR EILTS WAS ISRAELI RATHER THAN AMERICAN. US ROLE THUS IMPLICITLY CAST AS PURELY INTERMEDIARY ONE. THE INCREASINGLY STRIDENT POST-SALZBURG CALLS BY PRESIDENT SADAT, GOE OFFICIALS AND LOCAL PRESS FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS OF US REASSESSMENT HAVE EVEN COMPLETELY DROPPED SINCE AMBASSADORS EILTS' RETURN FROM WASHINGTON JUNE 22. GOE APPARENTLY MAKING CONCERTED EFFORT TO INJECT AURA OF CALM DELIVERATION INTO PUBLIC PLAY OF THIS STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS.
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